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NEW CHEMICAL PROLONGS LIFE

Sodium Rhidonate Is Found To Lengthen Life By Two Years

Ithaca, N. Y. — Human life can be prolonged at least two years by the use of sodium rhidonate, according to Dr. Wilder Bancroft, professor of chemistry at Cornell University.

In making his prediction, Dr. Bancroft stated: "If every human being of 45 or over, for whom sodium rhidonate is not contra-indicated, would take sodium rhidonate regularly for the best of his life, we predict an average increase in the probable length of life of at least two years"

Professor Bancroft's announcement was made recently at the fall meeting of the National Academy of Science, held at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, Ohio.

In issuing his prediction, the Cornell professor changed that his findings, first announced three years ago, have met with hostility and opposition from the medical world. "The medical profession as a whole, is hostile to us," he said. "Due to the attitude of those who should be the leaders. So far as we know, not a single medical school or hospital has shown any active, intelligent interest in our work."

Dr. Bancroft challenged the medical world to conduct fair tests of the sodium rhidonate treatment, declaring that it is up to the doctors to "clean house." "The medical profession," he said, "does not dare to make these tests, because the results will show that we are right."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INTERESTS OF PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS

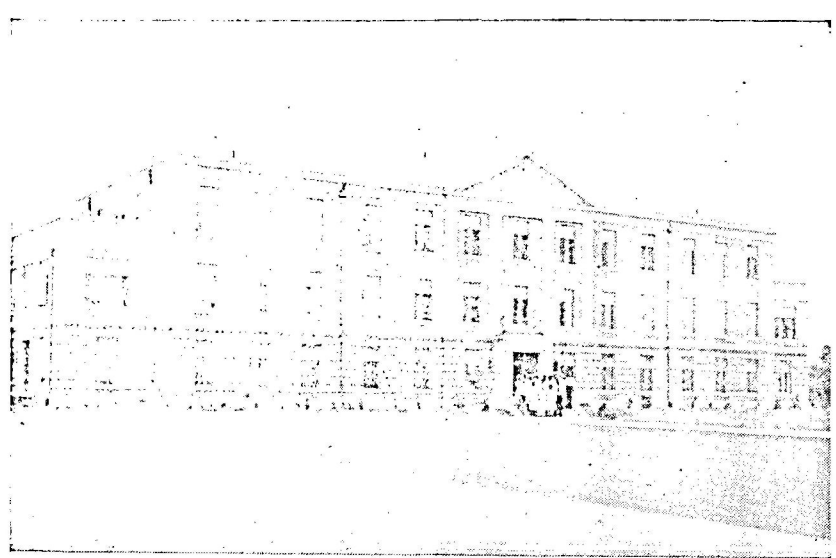
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numerals 1, 2, 3, their first, second, and third choices respectively in the activities listed. Approximately ninety per cent of the slips were returned properly executed.

The following were revealed in the tabulation of choices: A per cent of 88.3 in Dramatics represents the first choice of interest of Prairie View State College students. Debating and the "Y" with percentage of 74.2 and 58.7 represent second and third choices respectively. A somewhat different and interesting picture is portrayed, however, when we combine first, second, and third choices of all the students. The greatest amount of interest in literary extra-curricular activities among the students as a whole is found in Debating, with a per cent of 92.8; the least amount of interest is found in the Literary Society, with a per cent of 15.7. Interest in Dramatics, the "Y," and Music follow as second, third, and fourth degrees of interest, with the percentages 90.3, 85.2, and 78.3 respectively.

A combination of all choices in the tabulation of interest in athletics portrays tennis, football, baseball, basketball, volley ball, and track, with the percentages 91.9, 87.4, 67.3, 50.1, 43.3, 27.1, respectively.

Despite the fact that we have high percentages of interests, we have lower corresponding percentages of participation. To be specific, 92.8 per cent of the students have interest in debating whereas 14.9 per cent actually participate or attend meetings. There seems to be little relationship existing between 'interest'



THE PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE HOSPITAL
A 50-bed capacity Class A fire-proof hospital. It serves a radius of 250 miles. It is accredited by the American College of Physicians and Surgeons.

and 'participation.' The Committee has found where the interest lies; the next task is that of participation.

Extra-curricular activities as such need no justification, but the committee has strong convictions that there are definite values to be gained as pointed out in The American Educational Digest as: they foster school support; they increase efficiency in regular work; they develop initiative, responsibility, and cooperation; they create a proper background for appreciating studies.

Realizing then some of the values of these activities, we must be willing to make use of these wonderful opportunities. It would seem that we could even well afford to lose a little on the intellectual training, if through these extra-curricular activities, properly supervised, we can secure the broader social, vocational, civic, physical, moral, and avocational training so essential for a successful, well-rounded modern life.

THE LOS ANGELES PRAIRIE VIEW CLUB

(The following article appeared in The Reflector, The American Legion Bulletin and The California Eagle).

The next meeting of the club will be held Friday, January 11, at the beautiful home of Alumnus Dr. W. J. Benton. This promises to be a very interesting meeting for the new year.

Dr. W. J. Benton is a very popular Alumnus and a very progressive business man of our community.

The new year promises much for this club, for the new members are rallying to the standard of old P. V. Each alumnus has promised to bring in a new member at this meeting, so let's do our part by rounding up the Prairie View grads. We owe this to our Alma Mater. Our program for the ensuing year is very constructive for it covers many phases of activities along the civic line.

Meeting will be called to order at 8:00 p. m. Come early. The entertaining members are Alumnus W. J. Benton, Alumnæ Marjorie Bailey, Ella Beverly and Alberta Clark. Alumnus Benton says: "on with the show," so the show must go on, this time at 957 E. 55th Street.

—Raymond J. Smith, reporter

WORLD WIDE P. V.
DAY APRIL 23

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE, 1935

October 4	Wiley at Bishop
October 5	Southern at Langston
October 12	Bishop at Langston
October 19	Langston at Samuel Huston
October 21	Wiley vs. Prairie View at Dallas
October 26	Samuel Huston at Bishop
November 2	Southern at Wiley
November 2	Langston at Texas
November 2	Prairie View at Texas
November 2	Samuel Huston at Southern
November 9	Wiley at Langston
November 9	Texas at Southern
November 11	Bishop at Prairie View
November 16	Wiley at Samuel Huston
November 16	Bishop at Texas
November 23	Langston at Prairie View
November 23	Samuel Huston at Texas
November 28	Prairie View at Southern
November 28	Texas at Wiley
December 9	Prairie View at Samuel Huston

the alumni into pernicious interference with athletic control which properly rests within the institution's purview. It leads to exploitation of alumni interest in harmful practices such as professionalism, and it gives a wholly wrong impression to the general public as to alumni influence and power.

The fundamental aim of alumni education must be the encouragement of the person, intellectual life of the individual alumni. Thus the projection of the college's interests into the lives of its alumni depends upon strong foundations, sound techniques and genuine understanding.

"The alumni task lies," as President Thomas has pointed out, "in securing in the consciousness of alumni that they are a living part of a growing institution to which they may make some contribution of thought or idealism."

"Colleges grow through the creative power of imagination and the persistent influence of college sentiment and tradition. These find expression chiefly in the alumni."

"The alumni are indeed the college and are its ripest fruit, its ultimate justification."

And just as the college must ever look not to its alumni for the final evaluation, so must the alumni ever look back to the college. Each compliments the other, neither is complete without the other, and only as they advance together may the institution become truly great.

—The Wisconsin Alumni Journal

Prairie View has thirty three extra projects for the 1934-35 program. A check up in August will reveal that this program has been carried out to the Nth degree. This will be the case because first, the principal has a force with the necessary ability and secondly, he appoints his committees and allows them "full swing" to carry out their plans.

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ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENTS TO CELEBRATE 'A' RATING

PIONEER TEXAS EDUCATOR PASSES

The race lost one of its pioneer educators when Prof. T. J. Charlton passed December 24, 1934. Professor Charlton had been engaged in school work for near a half century. He headed the Charlton-Pollard High School of Beaumont, Texas. Under his guidance the school took its place as one of the best high schools in the state of Texas. Because of the fine training received the products of this school are leading out in various fields of work in this and other sections. The Charlton-Pollard High School can justly boast of having one of the best bands and the largest and best choral clubs in the south.

May those who follow be ever guided and inspired by the fine example of leadership that this noble character set forth.

LOCAL ALUMNI CLUBS AND PRESIDENTS

Belton, Texas, Miss Katie V. Fulton.*
Bisbee, Arkansas; Mr. B. T. W. Bremby.
Brenham, Texas; Mr. C. H. Hogan, Sr.
Cameron, Texas; Mr. Milton Sanders.*
Galveston, Texas; Mr. A. W. McDonald.
Denison, Texas; Mrs. T. N. Watts.
Hammond, Texas; Mr. Fred D. Batts.
Hempstead, Texas; Mrs. M. A. Johnson.
Houston, Texas; Mr. W. H. Evans.
Houston, Texas; Mr. W. L. D. Johnson.
Huntsville, Texas; Mr. K. H. Malone.
Los Angeles, Calif.; Attorney Curtis Taylor.
Lufkin, Texas; Mrs. Addie Brooks.
Marlin, Texas; Mr. J. W. Smith.
Mexia, Texas; Mr. S. O. Parrish.
Nacogdoches, Texas; Mrs. E. J. Campbell.
Orange, Texas; Mrs. V. M. Jeter.
Palestine, Texas; Mr. F. J. Robinson.
Paris, Texas; Dr. Ira T. Hunter.
Port Arthur, Texas, Mr. T. D. Armstrong.
Prairie View, Tex.; R. W. Hilliard
Richmond, Texas; Mr. Sidney Palmer.
Seguin, Texas; Mr. G. D. Giddings.
Sherman, Texas; Miss T. A. Johnson.
Texarkana, Texas; Mr. Samuel Hennington.
Victoria, Texas; Mrs. Ruby T. Dudley.
Wharton, Texas; Mr. N. N. Tarver.

*The president is not at the particular town and no information has been received relative to his or her successor.

World Wide P. V. Day
April 23

SEGUIN P. V. CLUB

Seguin, Texas
January 12, 1935

The Prairie View Club of Guadalupe County, with headquarters at Seguin, Texas, held its third monthly session at the Ball High School, at two o'clock Saturday, January 12. The officers of the organization are as follows: president, Prof. G. D. Giddings; vice president, Prof. A. R. Mills; secretary, Mrs. L. J. Friday; assistant secretary, Mrs. O. Hall; treasurer, Prof. I. H. Woodfork; reporter, S. T. Toney.

Some of the aims of the club are: to support school and alumni association projects, to support and sponsor any community project which is for the welfare of the people, to give tuition to assist some outstanding high school graduate, to keep acquainted with the activities and progress of the college through correspondence and visits to the campus, to render programs to promote cultural development, to sponsor a "Go to College" campaign among the high school graduates, and to make donations to Prairie View in forms of books, pictures, etc.

—Prof. S. T. Toney, reporter

Panther Coaches In Texas

By J. Clarence Davis

This article is a continuation of a series of articles that will appear in the Standard from time to time on the accomplishments of Prairie View's athletes who have become coaches in Texas.

In this issue we introduce several of Prairie View's most outstanding stars.

Willie R. ("Baby") Pollard, played on the Prairie View football team for six years, beginning 1921. During this time, he was one of the most dangerous backs in the Southwestern Conference.

Pollard has entered his eighth year as director of athletics at Dunbar High School of Texarkana, Texas. His teams have won several championships and have been serious contenders for this honor in other years.

They held the powerful Washington High School Eagles to a 0-0 tie in Houston this season and those tie in Hopston this season and those who witnessed this encounter stated that it was one of the best exhibitions of football seen in this section among high school circles.

Henry "Pigiron" Staton, varsity end from '27-'30 played 60 minutes in every game during his three years of varsity competition. Staton was reputed to be one of the best wing-men the Southwestern Conference has produced. During his three years of gridiron warfare, his end was circled only five times. Staton is now serving as Coach of Hearne High School who boasts a successful season having won the Central Texas

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Contributors To The Anderson Hall Project Fund

We are publishing the second list of contributors to the Anderson Hall Project Fund. The list will be continued in the April issue of this paper.

Gifts

1 chair by the Nautilus Club, value \$37.50; 1 table lamp by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Teal, value \$12.50; 1 picture by Charlie Thomas, value \$2.50; 1 table by a friend to the institution, value \$12.50.

Acknowledgement

Mrs. A. P. Wilson who is hostess for Anderson Hall works diligently in keeping a home like atmosphere in the building. One frequently finds added necessities in the lobby. We are indeed fortunate in having Mrs. Wilson act as custodian of these furnishings. We want Mrs. Wilson to know that we appreciate her interest and efforts.

Quite a number of ex-students and friends have inquired concerning the selection of the furnishings. The committee was composed of: Mrs. E. B. Evans, Miss Ruby Rush, Mr. J. M. Alexander.

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R. T. TATUM HEADS HIGH SCHOOL AT BEAUMONT

Prof. R. T. Tatum was elected to succeed the late Prof. T. J. Charlton, as principal of the Charlton-Pollard High School at Beaumont. Prof. Tatum is a graduate of Prairie View and holds his M. A. degree from Columbia University, his major having been School Administration.

Prof. Tatum is thoroughly trained and has a number of years experience to his credit. He is treasurer of the Colored State Teachers' Association and the Prairie View Ex-Student Association.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INTERESTS OF PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Bonita G. Harrison, '35

John Dewey long ago pointed out that education must be experimental if it is to be actual. A student is educated by his own responses to stimulation. We learn by doing. It takes but little thought to realize that extra-curricular activities have furnished more opportunities for the student to think and feel and act than have the class recitation of the traditional sort. It is with the aforementioned in mind that the Student Personal and Guidance Committee became concerned with the extra-curricular interests of the Prairie View State College students.

Slips containing the various extra-curricular activities were given students enrolled in college. It was requested that students indicate by the

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President O. J. Thomas Issues Call

Fellow Alumni and Ex-Students, Greetings:

I am pleased to extend to you greetings of the New Year. May it be a year of happiness and prosperity for each of you. Nineteen hundred thirty-four is now history. Our Association has left its record be it as it is. Much credit is due for the fine way in which you cooperated with us in putting over the program which we set out to accomplish. We asked you for new local clubs. You gave us twenty-eight new clubs. We asked you for one thousand dollars to finance the Anderson Hall Lobby project. You gave to us more than \$700 and money is still being received.

We asked for a Home Office to be (Continued on page 3)

ACTIVE IN SCHOOL, SUCCESS IN LIFE

Fraternity alumni who were active in their chapters as undergraduates generally develop into the most active and successful alumni, according to statistics from a survey reported to the National Interfraternity conference held November 28 to December 1 in New York City.

The report, made by Stewart S. Howe, president of the Stewart Howe Alumni service, further stated that most of the fraternities best and most influential alumni were found to have spent four years in college and to have had better than average scholarship.

Of any single occupation, alumni who have had legal training prove to develop into the best college and fraternity alumni. Men in general business were found to be second in this respect. Clergymen, generally are the least active alumni.

Seventy eight percent of the fraternity alumni who have been out of college five years are married, 80 percent of which choose women who have attended college. Of this number, about one-fifth have wives who attended the same school.

Howe pointed out that this does not prove how successful a college is as a matrimonial bureau, since the percentage would be higher if enrollment of women in respective universities has not equalled the enrollment of men in the years past.

There are one and six-tenths children in each fraternity alumnus family, the report shows. There are three more boys than girls among every 199 children born.

Statistics for the report were secured by averaging records of 50 fraternity chapters in several mid-west universities.—

—The Daily Cardinal

P. V. Alumni Day
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AIM—To maintain the bond of friendship between all who have attended Prairie View State College.

VARIETY

(The Spice of Life)

By Roby W. Hilliard, '30

The following points from President Thomas' message should particularly arrest the attention of all Prairie View groups:

(a) The Anderson Hall Project has not been completed. Therefore if you have not contributed send your check to Prof. J. M. Alexander, Prairie View College.

(b) April 28, 1935 has been proclaimed as World Wide Prairie View Day. Material for your program will be mailed from the Alumni Headquarters at the college only for the asking.

(c) The new constitution calls for the state to be divided into four sections. A president will be elected from each of these sections. He will automatically become one of the vice presidents of the general alumni association. This should be done before May, 1935. Mr. L. C. Phillip will gladly furnish any other information needed in this connection.

(d) The ex-students will celebrate the recent A rating given the college by the Southern Association of Colleges. This means that an even larger group than was on the campus last alumni day will attend this year.

Messrs. B. T. W. Bremby, '26, J. L. Douglass, '29 and party spent several hours on the campus during the holidays. Both men are doing a very efficient piece of work in Arkansas. On his return to Biscoe, Arkansas, Mr. Bremby wrote: "I enjoyed my visit to the college and especially the hospitality extended our party. I enjoyed meeting Principal Banks. He is an excellent character. . . ."

Prof. Hulen G. Smith, '34 and Prof. McKinley Figa, '30 sent copies of their memographed paper to the writer. Both men are to be complimented for starting what promises to be the first steps in high school newspaper work in their localities. They are teaching at Neches, Texas and Winona, Oklahoma respectively.

Misses Olivia Mosley, '32, Joy B. Sinyard, '34, Mrs. Annie M. Henderson Mason, '31 and Mr. James Otis Mason, '29 were holiday visitors. Miss Olivia Mosley seemed quite pleased with her nephew, L. C. Mosley, Jr., even though he was playing the part of an alarm clock for the neighbors. Miss Joy Belle Sinyard is taking a position as County Extension Agent in Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. M. E. V. Hunter and Dr. Ira T. Hunter spent several days on the campus recently. The ladies of the campus arranged quite a full program for Mrs. Hunter who heads the Home Economics Department at Virginia State College. Miss Willie Lee Campbell, '31, who also teaches at Virginia State College visited her Alma Mater. Miss Campbell received the M. A. degree from Iowa State in 1932 and has since done work leading to her Ph. D. degree at Columbia University.

Mr. Calvin Walton Waller, '31 who is completing his work at Iowa State for the D. V. M. degree was home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Waller for the holidays. According to reports from that institution Mr. Waller is doing a superior type of work.

Mr. Raymond J. Smith, '15 of Los Angeles, California writes: "At our last meeting we received some of the Prairie View Standards. We gave them to our club members. It is a fine issue. We can see much improvement in our Alma Mater. . . . I was graduated in 1915. We have about 50 of that class out in the west. . . many in Los Angeles. . . We have a fine P. V. Club here. Some of the leading men and women of this city are Prairie View graduates and ex-students. . . Prairie View has a great record for turning out well prepared men and women. In the World's War she had more commissioned officers than any other college of its kind.

"The states assembly of the 62nd assembly district was almost won by a Prairie View man—Fred Williams. "Some of the officers of the club are: Attorney Curtis Taylor, '16, president; Mrs. Beulah Norman, '16, secretary; R. J. Smith, '15, chairman of publicity.

"Best wishes to all students, ex-students and alumni."

Mr. Smith is editor of the American Legion Bullet, Post No. 228. The California Club has space in The Reflector, The California News, The California Eagle, and The Sentinel. They sent \$10.00 for the Anderson Hall Project and was represented last Alumni Day. They will send a representative each year.

Mr. N. N. Tarver reports a very live club at Wharton, Texas.

Only 7 per cent of the graduates of 1933 are without work. Figures have not been completed for 1934 but indications are that the percentage will be very similar to that of 1933.

ART, THE TOUCHSTONE OF LIFE

(Taken from the Feb., 1919 issue of THE MENTOR)

Art is the touchstone by which we come to appreciate and understand the beauty and mystery of life. Art guides us unerringly to the goal of right feeling, right thinking and right conduct. Art, by a magic of its own, unlock for us barred gates of human experience and reveals to us the inner beauties and the essential meaning of things. Some may exclaim, "What mean you by 'the mystery of life'?" There is nothing in life but that which is plain to the senses." Foolish and shallow words! Life is full of mystery. From the cradle to the grave we are beset by questions for which we find no answer, by secrets that are never told; and, throughout the years of life's experience, the smallest thought, word and act possess an element of mystery.

The mystery of beauty in art lies in its symbolism. We think we worship beauty for itself alone. Closer observation and reflection reveal to us that we love beauty for some spiritual quality that lies within it. From the beginning of time the worship of beauty has been the last resort of a man when he has risen above early limits and laid hold on thoughts of immortality. Through the outward and visible forms of beauty art reveals to us the inward and spiritual grace that underlies human life. The beautiful statute means more to us than simply a fine line, a noble form or an imposing composition. It appeals to us as an embodied thought.

Many make the mistake of taking art to be something set apart from life, a thing to specialize in—like chemistry, engineering, philosophy or mathematics. They miss the entire significance of art. Art is not an industry, nor a product, nor a specialty. It is the spiritual output of the human soul. It should, therefore, be an essential part of all education. When one has achieved a knowledge and an appreciation of art, one finds that the veil is lifted from many things that were hidden, and that one views the things of life in a true light and appraises them at their just value. Sound standards of taste are set up, worthy labor becomes a joy, and life's work a mission. When education shall have brought humanity to a full appreciation of art, Civilization "will blossom gloriously in the painters, sculptors, architects, musicians, poets and craftsmen who, no longer mere voices crying in the wilderness, will become the inspired mouthpiece of an emancipated race, proclaiming the wonder and the glory of a noble, a beautiful, useful and a happy existence."

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ANDERSON HALL PROJECT FUND

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They are to be commended for their selections.

Group Contributors

Prairie View Faculty, \$57.70 (This does not include money from ex-students who are connected with the institution).

Anderson County Teachers, \$20; Beaumont P. V. Club (students),

THE "A" RATING

A telegram:

"Congratulations. Southern Association voted Prairie View Class A rating."

Only a few can appreciate the true significance of that brief message. A rather small piece of paper—in fact, less than a regular letter head size. Yet it sets forth the verdict as given out by the Southern Association of Colleges and is the result of more than eight years of concentrated work by Principal W. R. Banks and a loyal group of employees.

He found an institution with five schools (Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, Domestic Science, Nurse Training, and Mechanic Arts), none of them with any rating. He was determined that when a rating was given it would be for these five schools. Some believed that this task was an ideal only and could be placed in the realm of those things hoped for. They thought it wise to place emphasis on one school to the neglect of the others and thereby get it rated. Needless to say the alleged difficulties and the near impossibility of the task served only as the sound of the starter's gun at the beginning of a 100-yard dash. If you are acquainted with Principal W. R. Banks you will know that he accomplishes most in the face of difficulties.

The students, ex-students, alumni and friends of the institution in numerous ways have expressed their appreciation for this newly acquired territory and for the unconquerable spirit who is leading the way.

—R. W. Hilliard

\$4.00; Houston P. V. Club (students), \$3.00; Brenham Extension Teachers, \$20.00; California P. V. Club (Los Angeles), \$10.00; Galveston P. V. Club, \$2.70; Huntsville P. V. Club, \$7.30; Mexia P. V. Club, \$23.00; Palestine P. V. Club, \$15.00; Richmond P. V. Club, \$5.00; Texarkana P. V. Club, \$10.25; Victoria P. V. Club, \$2.85; Waco P. V. Club, \$7.00; Wharton P. V. Club, \$4.00.

Correction

Mr. Eldridge Ellis was given credit for \$3.00 in the last issue. The report should have read: Mr. Eldridge Ellis, \$1.00; Miss Roberta E. Elmore, \$1.00; Mrs. Velma Robinson, \$1.00.

\$1.00 Contributors

Mr. C. O. Rodgers, Mr. R. T. Tatum, Mr. Nat Q. Henderson, Mr. E. R. Watkins, Mrs. E. A. Lyons, Mrs. Wm. Drennon, Mr. Leon Mitchell, Miss M. P. Alexander, Mrs. R. B. Johnson-Isaacs, Mr. E. J. Johnson, Mr. U. S. Blanks, Mr. W. J. Adams, Mr. E. R. Lee, Mr. Eugene Dix, Mrs. Ida B. Lister, Miss Mildred Sprott, Mr. Chaucer Robinson, Mrs. Amelia P. Jefferson, Mr. J. F. Dunlap, Mr. Jack Gooden, Mr. G. O. Anderson, Miss Hannah Durden, Mr. Joel Harris, Miss Zeleamar Alexander, Miss Sarah Kirkwood, Miss Katie V. Fulton, Miss Johnnie Derry, Miss Hermine Tabb, Miss Jenkins, (Alcorn College, Miss.), Miss Martha Branch, Mr. Giles D. Smith, Mr. J. L. Douglass, Mr. Charles E. Ferguson, Rev. Mosley (Lexington, Ky.), Mrs. Susan Tabb, (Lexington, Ky.), Miss Vera Clement, Miss Ruby L. Rush, Miss Vernell E. Warren, Mrs. O. Watson, Mr. Walter Riley, Mr. James L. Johnson.

THE TEACHER

An old man, going along a highway, Came at evening, cold and gray To a chasm vast and wide, Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side

And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,

"You are wasting your strength with building here,

Your journey will end with the ending day.

You never again will pass this way, You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,

Why build this bridge at even tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the path I've come," he said

"There followeth after me today, A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm has been as naught to me,

To that fair haired youth may a pit-fall be

He too, must cross in the twilight dim—

Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

—Courtesy of Mr. L. C. Phillip

UNIT COURSE FOR FARMERS OFFERED

The Division of Agriculture is offering practical instruction for two weeks in Farm Poultry, Farm Blacksmithing, Gardening and Canning and Farm Carpentry from January 7 through January 19, 1935. This course is designed for those who see the need of learning to improve their farm poultry flock, repairing farm implements and tools, growing and canning of meat, fruit and vegetables, and repairing and building simple farm gates, fences and out-houses. Thirty four farmers attended this conference.

FOOTBALL TEAM MADE BY CLOTHES AT ANN ARBOR

Ann Arbor, Mich. — Thousands of rabid football enthusiasts view grid-iron battles without knowing what it takes to outfit a football team.

The people in the stand observe the shirts, pants and shoes and of course the football, but do they know what the "best dressed" grid player wears?

For information on the subject meet Henry Hatch, who buys the equipment for the University of Michigan. His first duty is to order six dozen pigskins. He then orders the following paraphernalia:

Thirty six sideline sweatshirts, 48 jerseys, 36 helmets, 48 pairs of game pants, manufactured from balloon cloth, 36 pairs of canvass practice pants, 60 pairs of shoes, 18 sheepskin coats, three gross of undershirts, six dozen hose, two dozen shoulder pads, two gross of supporters, three dozen pairs of knee pads, one dozen hip pads, two gross of ankle wraps and quantities of such miscellaneous articles as shoe laces, pad laces, whistles and football rules books.

PRESIDENT O. J. THOMAS ISSUES CALL

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located at Prairie View and I am happy to say that an office has been given and equipped for the keeping of our records and reports. In Addition to this we now have two young ladies employed as part time clerks, assisting our Executive Secretary in looking after the interest of our Alumni and Ex-Students. Again we called upon you for your support in making our annual Alumni Day an outstanding feature of the year's work. You not only gave to us a record attendance but one of the best programs that it has been my pleasure to attend. I cannot fail to mention in this connection, the fine spirit of encouragement and cooperation which was given us by Principal Banks and his teachers. Just think! A banquet like that, with music and elaborate preparations included without one penny of expense to our Association. This is only one of the several important features which characterizes the type of cooperation which was ours to receive.

Now, that this is all past, what are we going to do this year to surpass this record? As president of the association, I am suggesting to you the following program:

1. That a live local club be organized and promoted in every community where as many as ten Alumni and Ex-Students reside.
2. That a world wide Alumni Day be observed on April 23, and a uniform program carried out. (Program to be outlined and sent out from our headquarters.)
3. THAT WE SET UP AS OUR MAJOR PROJECT, THE FURTHER BEAUTIFICATION AND FURNISHING OF ANDERSON HALL. (Principal Banks is quite interested in making this building an object of outstanding beauty and comfort.) We should like to have a small rug with P. V. interwoven in Purple and Gold placed in each room, hand laundry placed in the cellar for the convenience of the occupants of this building, a radio and such smaller articles as curtain rods.

4. That the State of Texas be divided into four regions viz; Eastern, Southern, North central and Western. The counties comprising these districts to be designated by the Executive Council. This division is in accordance with our Constitution. It is hoped that these several regions will be outlined and organized by the middle of March in order that presidents be elected before annual Alumni Day. You will note that regional presidents will be vice presidents of the general Association and will serve as Field Secretary in keeping up a live spirit throughout their respective regions.

5. That our Annual Alumni Program feature the celebration of Prairie View's Class "A" rating by The Southern Association of College. As you know this is a very signal honor; one which I am sure that every Prairie Viewite feels proud of.

Your cooperation is asked. I am sure that you will do your part this year as you have in the past.

Sincerely

O. J. Thomas

President of Alumni and Ex-Students Association.

AMONG THE STUDENTS

By Maceo A. Sloan, '37

Miss Bonita G. Harrison, '35 has just returned from a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. National Student Council which convened in New York City. Miss Harrison is a very active member of the Y. W. C. A. being co-chairman of the Southwest Region; Secretary of Finance for the States of Louisiana and Mississippi and a member of the Finance Committee of the National Students Council.

There is only one other Negro young woman on the Council, which has a total of twenty-eight members, a Miss Virginia Simmons, graduate student of Bennet College, Greenboro, North Carolina.

This is Miss Harrison's second year serving as a National Council member. All expenses for her trips are borne out of the National Budget.

Miss Harrison connects herself with every worthwhile movement on the campus and is generally recognized as one of the leading students of the college. Last year she was president of the local Y. W. C. A. organization and is actively connected with it this year together with a number of other organizations on the campus.

Prairie View is to be congratulated on having one of its students thus recognized in a national organization. It is not only an honor to Miss Harrison but also an honor to the school which she attends and the state in which she resides.

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Our tennis players are beginning to get their racquets out for the coming season. We have not lost any of our first rate players of last year and in addition have gained a very good player. Tommie Walker who has more than once been an outstanding contender for national honors has enrolled in school here and is planning to play on the team this year. We are glad to have Mr. Walker as an addition to our team.

A recent article in American Lawn Tennis stated that our tennis Coach, Mr. C. W. Lewis, plans to carry our team to Chicago to compete in the Grass Court Tournament to be held there during the coming season. It is expected that he will carry the team to Tuskegee to play in their annual tournament. With the squad of 1934 intact, the cream of the October All-Student tournament on the roster, and the addition of Tommie Walker, the Prairie View Tennis squad should be strong contenders for National honors.

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The Debating season is getting under way with the classes starting it off. The first class debate was between the freshmen and sophomores. Then the juniors and seniors will debate. The winners of these two debates will meet in the finals. There is usually a series of Inter-club debates to follow those between the classes and finally to climax it all we have the faculty debates.

When the local debates have finished, the Inter-collegiate training will begin. The teams have not yet been selected but most of the members of last year's team are still here and it is expected that they will participate.

PANTHER COACHES IN TEXAS

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Championship for 1934 season. Miss White, varsity backfield star was a member of the Panther squad from '26-'30. White was one of the main cogs in the Panther machine and was always regarded as a dangerous pigskin lugger by his opponents. He is now assistant coach of the Central High School of Galveston, who are claimants to the 1934 championship. The Central High School clefted warriors amassed a total of 238 points against 12 for their opponents. No team made more than four first downs through the forward wall of the Galvestonians this season.

Richard "Skeet" Harrington, all-conference tackle of 1930 and Coach of Yoakum High School has a creditable record. Football fans well remember Harrington's spectacular lineplay in the Prairie View-Fisk game on New Year's Day in Houston, 1930. Harrington's team won District championship for 1934 season. This is Harrington's first year at Yoakum High School. His plan is to put athletics in Yoakum on a higher level and from all indications he is headed in the right direction.

Wiley "Bull" Nellum, all-conference back three years, All-American '31, coach of Butler College is noted as one of Prairie View's best products.

Coach Nellum stated at the meeting of the varsity "P" Club held at Prairie View last November that he planned to place athletics at Butler College on par with the other outstanding junior colleges of the state.

Shelton Mason, unanimous choice for three consecutive years as all-conference back and All-American in '30 is coach of Sherman High School at Sherman, Texas.

Mason caused the Southwestern Conference to be recognized by his sensational playing in the annual New Year's Day Inter-sectional encounter. His 85-yard run for a touchdown against Alabama State in 1932 still stands as a record of the longest run in the New Year's Day frays.

Prairie View will turn out through graduation several of its greatest players. They are as follows: Captain Roger "Rags" Givens, reputed to be one of the best tackles found in college circles regardless to color; co-captain T. B. "Doc Yak" Porter, one of the best ground gainers the conference has produced; John "Papa Daddy" Thomas, one of the best pivot men in the conference and captain of the 1931 championship team. These three clefted warriors should make good coaches.

DON'T STUDY IF YOU ARE NOT IN MOOD, PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS

Evanston, Ill. — "If you're not in the mood to study, don't study," says Dr. J. B. Morgan, of the psychology department of Northwestern University.

"When you find yourself wondering what you are reading, call off hostilities for 10 minutes and run around the block. If this doesn't wake you up try another subject."

World Wide P. V. Day
April 23